

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kraig Younts, *Rushville Republican*.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2019 Budget – The public hearing for the 2019 budget was opened. Clerk-Treasurer Copley said they started with a total budget of \$10,007,578.00. We have cut \$812,824.00 for a balance of \$9,194,854.00. The general fund started with a balance of \$5,993,455.00. We have cut the general fund by \$407,414.00, leaving a balance of \$5,586,041.00. We will also act on a Resolution to reduce the 2018 budget for approximately \$200,000.00 later in this meeting. Smith made a motion to close the public hearing. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

MINUTES: Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the meetings from September 4, 2018 and September 11, 2018 as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. He had a meeting September 6th with Greg Jarman who is involved with the internet provider south of town. They have just received a grant for \$52,000,000.00 to further the internet program to rural communities. They currently serve from Illinois to Ohio. Rushville is their second largest location.
2. We had a meeting on the Rushville Villas and the housing side of the complex.
3. We had a meeting on the Community Crossing Program. We have scaled down our application, but we still need to make some decisions.
4. Thanked Council for attending the budget meeting.
5. On the 13th we had a Stellar core meeting.
6. Rushville had a busy weekend with the covered bridge event, the bike ride, the parade, and the concert Saturday night. The spark walk also took place on Sunday.
7. We visited the food pantry today. It was very insightful.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Copley reminded Council when voting "nay" on a resolution or ordinance that they should not sign the document, but write in "nay" in place of their signature.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Smith said he has sent an agenda to the Mayor for the landlord meeting. This will also be open to the public. There will be a press release in Friday's paper. The meeting will be Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The last concert was Saturday. We will take a couple of weeks off and then start working on the 2019 concert series.

SHEEHAN'S PROJECT UPDATE REPORT:

1. Sheehan reviewed the communication techniques used.
2. Retail Replacement – This is kind of in a holding pattern. We are getting updates every couple of weeks from the owner. Developers are reaching out to us. Our goal is to make sure our name is out there.
3. Stellar – We are working with the State and HWC on the Overlook. We have purchased the old Taff building and we have a potential investor that may be interested in a partnership.
4. Downtown Revitalization - We continue to work with the downtown property owners to maximize funding availability.
5. Owner Occupied Rehab – 13 homeowners applied. 3 of those are completed.
6. Riverside Gateway – This is tied to the Taff building.
7. Mainstreet Streetscape - The project is scheduled to start mid-October. Some of the features will include new lighting, bricks repaired, new benches, cross walk, and a clock feature.
8. Morgan Street Corridor – We are getting closer.
9. City Center - To tour contact Sheehan.
10. Patronicity – We raised nearly \$100,000.00 in 30 days.
11. Wolf Theater – We have a signed lease. They hope to be in by the end of the year.
12. Farmers Market – Working on the Edison lighting.
13. Housing – We met with Joe Peacock on the 16th Street project. They hope to start building next spring.
14. Laker property – We are working to clean up the property.
15. Animal Shelter – We have purchased the Connolly building and are approximately 4 weeks away from requesting quotes.
16. Training Center – Very close to completion.
17. BEP – We currently have 4 properties we are working to secure; 2 we are in the process to demo; and 4 properties we are investigating.
18. Downtown Buildings – Keeping an eye out and making a list of what is available.

19. Thanks to Darilyn Beadle for applying for a Duke Energy grant for Carol Jenkins Davis Park for \$20,000.00.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Street – Commissioner Miller reminded everyone of heavy trash pick-up next week.

They will finish the sidewalk at Wilson Estates this week.

Mayor Pavey said we bought a radar sign that gives a report. It is proving to be interesting and useful. Miller said it also provides a good traffic count.

Police – Chief Tucker said they are continuing the work on the firing range.

Nathan Davis will graduate from the police academy September 28th.

October 10 RES will have a walk to school day.

Animal – Warden Cottrell said she has received approval for controlled substance. After they have received training they will be able to euthanize.

On Thursday there were 13 girls from HYCA doing clean-up at the shelter. They also tore down an old shed.

Councilman Smith praised Cottrell for the good report received from the veterinarian.

Park – Assistant Park Director Owens informed Council that most of the demolition is done at the Carol Jenkins Davis Park. The agility equipment is being installed at the dog park.

HYCA kids are coming Thursday and they will be working behind the levee.

Fire – Chief Jenkins said they will have a blood drive October 22.

There will be a pre-bid meeting on the BEP on Friday.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2018-21 Amending Transient Merchants Ordinance** – Bridges moved to approve Ordinance 2018-21. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. **Ordinance 2018-22 Amending Noise Regulation** – Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2018-22. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Rush County Youth Camp Agenda** – Chip West thanked the City for their partnership with the Rush County Youth Camp. They will have their 5th year for this project next July. West said they look forward to continue this partnership. Councilman Smith said these kids are awesome. West said they need people to apply for assistance in order to make the program successful. Applications are at City Hall.
2. **Additional Appropriation MVH \$9,000.00** – Mayor Pavey said the funds will be used for crack sealing. This will be part of the Community Crossing program and we will dump the award money back into the fund. We will act on this at the next meeting.
3. **Resolution 2018-18 Transfer** – Berkemeier moved to approve Transfer Resolution 2018-18. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Resolution 2018-19 Reduce 2018 Spending** – Cameron moved to approve Resolution 2018-19. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Fire Rescue** – Chief Jenkins said he is still gathering information. Berkemeier move to table. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Resolution 2018-17 Regional Stellar** – Berkemeier moved to approve Resolution 2018-17. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. **Sugarhill Drainage Easement** – Mayor Pavey reported that at the end of Diana Court there is no way for the water to get out. Upon investigation of the matter it was found that a line has been crushed. We want to put in new line, but need an easement in order to maintain the line. We still need to have conversations with some of the residents. This is not a major cost, but is cumbersome.
8. **Philpot Annexation 1531 N Spencer #70-07-31-101-004.000-010** – Bridges moved to approve the fiscal plan Resolution 2018-5. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried. Berkemeier moved to accept the introduction of Ordinance 2018-5. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
9. **Ordinance 2018-26 Vacating Alley** – Smith moved to open the public hearing. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The public hearing was opened noting that the hearing has been duly advertised and the green card has been returned. Tim Shuppert said the property has not been usable for some time due to a spruce tree growing in the middle. Newhouse said there are no utilities as far as we know. The property will have to be surveyed so it can be re-plated. This will be at the cost of the property owner. Berkemeier moved to close the public hearing. Smith seconded the motion. The hearing was closed. Smith moved to approve Ordinance 2018-26. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10. **Travis Mayes Property – Toby Gilliam** – Gilliam was unable to attend the meeting. He would ask that he be added to a later agenda.

11. **Dez Stevens Construction Time Violation** – Berkemeier sent an outline of what has transpired. This is an issue that we continue to deal with. Stevens said he would be here and wanted to talk. However he is not present. The police were called and the video taken by the officer has been reviewed. The officers were respectful and patient. The matter consisted of issuing a \$25.00 ticket, which Stevens says he should not have received. Newhouse has sent out subpoenas regarding the matter.

CLAIMS: Berkemeier moved to approve the claims as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.